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M'KINLEY GAINS.

Gen. Grosvenor's Weekly Bulletin Encouraging to the Ohio Man's Friends.

GIVEN CREDIT WITH 314 VOTES.

Claim That the Information Upon Which Figures are Based Comes Direct From the Home of the Delegates.

Washington, April 13.—General Grosvenor's weekly bulletin, published last night, has been the subject of much discussion. It is said that the bulletin was not only a victory for McKinley, but also a victory for the Ohio man's friends. The bulletin was published in the weekly bulletin of the Ohio man's friends, and it was said that the bulletin was not only a victory for McKinley, but also a victory for the Ohio man's friends. The bulletin was published in the weekly bulletin of the Ohio man's friends, and it was said that the bulletin was not only a victory for McKinley, but also a victory for the Ohio man's friends.

Alabama	6	Oregon	3
Arkansas	15	Pennsylvania	17
California	15	South Carolina	17
Colorado	10	South Dakota	17
Connecticut	10	Texas	17
Delaware	10	Vermont	17
District of Columbia	10	Virginia	17
Florida	10	Washington	17
Georgia	10	West Virginia	17
Idaho	10	Wisconsin	17
Illinois	10	Wyoming	17
Indiana	10	Total	314

During the coming week Major McKinley's strength will grow rapidly by the conventions in Kentucky, Nebraska, New Jersey and the election of district delegates throughout the entire country. I confidently predict that before the first of May he will have secured a majority of the entire convention, with the states of Michigan, West Virginia, Missouri, Delaware, Washington, North Carolina and North Dakota holding their conventions in the month of May.

THE MAYBRICK CASE.

It is Not a Subject for Action by the Senate.

Washington, April 13.—In the senate today (Rep. Miss.) from the committee on judiciary reported back Call's resolution proposing intervention in case Maybrick. The report recited briefly the facts of the case and the action of the court.

CALL.

For the Woman's Republican County Convention.

Decatur, Ill., April 11, 1896. By direction of the Illinois Woman's Republican county central committee the Republican women of Macon county are hereby requested to meet in convention at the court house in the city council room, Wednesday, April 15, 1896, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing three delegates to the state convention to be held in Springfield, Tuesday, April 28, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting a woman who shall be recommended to the Republican state convention as one of the three candidates to be placed in nomination to be voted for at the November election, 1896, for the following office, to-wit: Trustee of the University of Illinois, also for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

Mary E. Haworth, County Chairman.

The members of the whist club at Bloomington will visit Decatur Monday evening and play a return game with the game team of the Decatur club. On the game of March 30 the Decatur team visited Bloomington and was defeated. The home team hopes to be victorious Monday night.

Some of the belated iron supports for the Powers clock were located today. They are on board the cars at Evansville, and cannot reach Decatur before Monday. In the consignment are four steel supports to go in the basement. Today the contractors put in time laying flooring for the ground floor. Thus far the contractors have been belated very little by the non-arrival of material.

Armstrong Bros., druggists, have moved into the Chonoweth block, next building to their former location. April 11-16

Leaving Power.—Latent U. S. Gov't Report

Marabellans Killed by an Explosion. Bulwago, Matebela, April 13.—An explosion of dynamite Friday last at the store in that place and that 300 Marabellans were killed.

FITZHUGH LEE.

Name Sent to the Senate for Consul General to Havana Vice William Resigned.

Washington, April 13.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, to be consul general to Havana, Cuba, vice Ramon J. Williams, resigned. The resignation of Ramon J. Williams which was made public through the nomination of Fitzhugh Lee as his successor, caused no surprise here. It has been repeatedly stated during the past year that he had resigned, but was denied in such a way as to leave his tenure of office in doubt.

Williams leaves the consular service with the reputation of being a model consular officer of the United States. He has been for twenty-two years in the service. Was appointed in 1874 as vice consul general to Havana, and was promoted to consul general ten years later. It is known that Williams has been desirous of surrendering his office, having accumulated a private fortune, being interested in private business ventures that require his attention more than all else.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

In a Railroad Accident on the Belt Road in Kentucky.

Louisville, April 13.—A Times special from Mitchell, Ky., to the effect that five men were instantly killed and two so badly injured that they will die, in a bridge accident a half mile from Bedford Junction on the belt railroad. The train, consisting of an engine and two gravel cars, was running at a high rate of speed. While passing over the standard bridge the last gravel car collapsed. Two cars went down with the trestle pulling down the engine which had cleared the trestle. The dead were: Charles Ogden, conductor, Sherman Carpenter, fireman, Warren Leonard, Master, Engineer Menzer. All on the train were employees of the road, engaged in ballasting the track. The breaking of the trestle will block the road several days.

ATTEMPT TO MAIM ROSVELT.

A Package Addressed to Him by Mail Inspected in the New York Postoffice.

New York, April 13.—A package addressed "Theodore Roosevelt, police headquarters" marked "medicine" was brought to the general postoffice today by one of the many down town collectors. An examination by the inspector showed that by the vigorous tearing apart of the brown wrapping paper, matches inside would ignite, set off a fuse, which entered a large giant cracker. The tube when cut in two exposed fine powder, which flashed up at the touch of a match. The bomb is not thought dangerous enough to cause death.

GOLD CONTRACTS GO.

Supreme Court to Decide in a Mississippi Case.

Washington, April 13.—The supreme court in the case of Woodruff (trustee) vs. the state of Mississippi, appealed from supreme court of that state, involving the validity of the bonds issued by the levee board of the Mississippi river, which has been questioned, because the bonds were payable in gold, declared the bonds void because the law did not authorize payment in any particular kind of money. The opinion of the court below is reversed and the case remanded.

THE ESCAPED MURDERER.

George Taylor Thought to Have Stopped Last Night in Peabody, Kansas.

Kansas City, April 13.—A Star's Peabody, Kans., special, says: A man believed to be George Taylor, the escaped Missouri murderer, stopped at the Grand Central depot last night. He is said to tally with the description of Taylor given last fall. He left the hotel at 4:30 this morning and has not been seen since. The governor this morning offered \$200 reward for the arrest of Taylor.

Crisp Threatened with Hostile Forces Can Call His Engagements.

Atlanta, April 13.—A decided sensation was created in political circles here today by the announcement that ex-Speaker Crisp would be compelled to call off the host of the joint debates with Secretary Hoke Smith at Lexington tomorrow. Also cancel all engagements to speak at other points. He says the physician after careful examination informed him he was threatened with heart failure, and warned him against a continuance of his speech making tour. Crisp's withdrawal from the stump is greatly regretted.

Weather This Afternoon and Tuesday.

Chicago, April 13.—Illinois: Rain this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight; high southerly winds. Probably fair Tuesday.

Iowa: Showers this afternoon; fair, colder tonight; fair Tuesday; southerly winds.

Wisconsin: Rain this afternoon and tonight; rain north; fair south Tuesday; colder tonight; high southerly winds.

South Dakota: Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder extreme southeast tonight; variable winds.

Gladdened by Rain in Dakota.

Minneapolis, S. D., April 13.—Rain began falling Sunday night and ceased only for one hour until Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. The ground is in the condition for seeding, little of which has yet been done.

William Rodman and L. P. Perkins are in jail at Fairbury, to await the convening of the May term of the circuit court of Livingston county on a charge of belonging to a gang of thieves.

ALMOST A CHRISTIAN.

Col. Ingersoll Delivers an Address Before Church Members.

ON HOW TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER.

Choosing His Text from Shakespeare, Whom He Characterizes the "Greatest of Human Beings." "There is No Darkness but Ignorance."

Chicago, April 13.—With a prelude that included the pronouncing of an invocation, the repeating of the Lord's prayer in unison, the reading of the fifth chapter of Luke, commencing with the twenty-fifth verse, the singing of an hymn, of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "America," the greatest living agnostic of the age stepped to the rostrum of the Church Militant, yesterday morning, and for nearly two hours expounded to the congregation his views upon how mankind could be reformed. The Church Militant is composed of the major portion of the former adherents of the Fullerton-avenue Presbyterian church, one of the strongest parishes of that denomination in the city, and who with their pastor, Rev. John Rusk, branched off into an independent organization some months ago, as a result of opposition to the introduction of radical changes in the conduct of the services, including the use of an instrumental orchestra and the attachment to the parish of employment, hospital, clubhouse and other guilds.

Some time ago an invitation was extended to Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, to deliver an address under the auspices of the congregation, and it was in response to this that he found himself in his rostrum yesterday.

At the time the invitation was extended the congregation held its services in the Woman's Christian temple, but so much feeling was manifested by the managing board of that structure over the idea of an agnostic speaking within its precincts that the Columbia theater was secured for a term of years, and the congregation fell to work to inaugurate the services in the new meeting place.

Although admission was strictly confined to ticket holders, the street in front of the theater was blocked with people long before the opening of the doors, and even after the interior had been packed to suffocation over a thousand men and women besieged the entrance.

On the stage were 400 or more representative citizens, including every member of the appellate and superior judiciary; several federal and county officials; delegations from every medical and law college and institution of learning in the city and suburbs, and a number of retired divines. Every seat and denomination without exception had its representative present.

When Col. Ingersoll made his appearance, arm-in-arm with Dr. Rusk, there was loud applause mingled with murmurs from some who seemed to regard such a demonstration as foreign to a religious service.

In the prayer that followed the musical exercises Dr. Rusk asked for a special blessing on their guest of the day, who was endeavoring to show the world how this life might be made one of usefulness, joy, and also invoked a dispensation for his wife and children, while in his introductory remarks Dr. Rusk characterized Col. Ingersoll as "The man who is endeavoring to do the world good and make it better."

This, he said, was no time to reason, no time to disagree with the faiths of men, or beliefs of men, when they were trying to make the world better. "But," he said, "no matter, he said, whether an American believed in God or not, if he expounded the truth, then the truth was there and God was there."

As Col. Ingersoll stepped to the rostrum he was welcomed with applause that lasted for over a minute. With great measure on the expulsion of missionaries and Catholic priests. Those among them who attend peacefully to their business are not, and will not be, disturbed. But, surely, it cannot be the same for those who by their attitude try to disturb the order and tranquility of the country and ward the laws and regulations in force in the empire. The imperial government, watchful of the maintenance of public security, has the duty to send them away from its territory, and in so doing, it avails itself of a right which nobody in all justice could contest."

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Found Dead in Bed as the Result of Arsenic Poisoning.

MILWAUKEE, April 13.—John Hoefs and his wife, Mathilda Hoefs, were found dead in their beds early yesterday morning. The bodies were discovered by little Bertha, their only child, a girl of nine years. A post mortem examination showed that both the deceased had died from the effects of arsenic. Neither the relatives nor the neighbors of the Hoefs family can account for the death of the couple, as there was no reason to suppose that they were not living happily together and were never known to quarrel. They lived in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Hoefs was 44, and his wife 39 years of age.

SELF-CONFESSED MURDERER.

Of the Stones Arraigned in Court Pleads "Not Guilty."

AKRON, O., April 13.—John Smith, the self-confessed murderer of the Stones, was arraigned in the north corridor of the jail here at one o'clock yesterday afternoon by Judge A. W. Hall. The formal affidavit charging him with murder in the first degree was read by the clerk. Smith listened to the reading of the paper with apparent unconcern and entered a plea of "not guilty" in the same offhand manner.

The preliminary examination was set, at the request of Mr. Woods, for 3 o'clock next Tuesday.

Three Bodies Recovered.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 13.—The bodies of John McVeigh, James Dyer and John Quinlan, three of six blown up in the St. Lawrence mine, were recovered yesterday.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

The Edinburgh university has conferred the degree of LL. D. upon President E. A. Walker of the Massachusetts college of technology.

Gold ore assaying from \$100 to \$320 per ton has been found about one mile from Excelsior Springs, Mo. Much excitement prevails over the find.

Cecil Rhodes, who has been ill at Fort Salisbury with fever, is much better, and is about to proceed to Bulawayo with a column of armed men.

There were 75 cases of bubonic plague in Hong Kong during the seven days ending April 7, as against 47 cases during the previous seven days.

The latters in Pingree & Smith's shoe factory at Detroit, Mich., who went on strike Friday have returned to work. The trouble will be arbitrated.

Members feel confident that the so-called long session of the fifty-fourth congress will adjourn by May 15, and that it will be one of the shortest sessions on record in the past 30 years.

The age of consent bill, which has been supported by many religious bodies, was laid on the table Saturday by the house committee on the judiciary, and is now dead for this congress.

A forest fire in Cumberland county, N. C., has destroyed 10,000 acres of the finest long-leaf timber in that section. The loss is over \$100,000. One house, many barns, and fencing and many cattle are burned.

The discovery of the bodies of a number of infants in the Thames, five of which were found to have been strangled with tapes, has led to the arrest at Reading, England, of a man and woman, baby farmers, suspected of the murders.

Capt. Gen. Weyler has asked the Madrid government for the immediate dispatch of 3,000 cavalry to Cuba, and the minister of war is arranging to send them at once.

As the war office is sending the question of employing bullocks in the military service in Cuba.

In the second cabin of the New York, which arrived at New York from Southampton Saturday morning, was John L. Waller, late United States consul at Tananarive, Madagascar, who was convicted of treason to the French.

He was sentenced to 20 years' solitary confinement and transported to France, where he was imprisoned until February 20, when he was released through the intervention of the state department at Washington.

FORTY FAMILIES IN A FIRE TRAP.

Wild Scenes of Confusion Fanned by Broken Limbs and Other Severe Injuries.

CLEVELAND, O., April 12.—At two o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Gehring apartment house on Mulberry street. Forty families lived in the building, and as they rushed pell-mell for the fire escapes and stairways, wild scenes of confusion ensued.

Mary Cox, a waitress, aged 17, rooming with her sister Anne on the third floor, was cut off from the fire escape by her night gown and hair in flames she jumped to the sidewalk, breaking her arm and receiving other severe injuries. Mrs. John Berlotine jumped from the second story and was badly bruised. James Kinvaater fell through a burning floor and was seriously injured. His escape from death was by a very narrow margin.

Twenty families lost all their furniture and clothing, and are now sheltered by the neighbors.

The Gehring was the property of Sipe & Sigler, and was fully insured. The loss in all was about fifteen thousand dollars.

THE PLAUSIBLE TURK.

Letter from the Sublime Porte on the Expulsion of American Missionaries.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The Turkish legation received from the sublime porte, under Saturday's date, the following telegram:

"It has been falsely stated that the missionaries would be expelled. The imperial government has not taken, and does not intend to take, any general measure on the expulsion of missionaries and Catholic priests. Those among them who attend peacefully to their business are not, and will not be, disturbed. But, surely, it cannot be the same for those who by their attitude try to disturb the order and tranquility of the country and ward the laws and regulations in force in the empire. The imperial government, watchful of the maintenance of public security, has the duty to send them away from its territory, and in so doing, it avails itself of a right which nobody in all justice could contest."

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SPANISH ARROGANCE.

The Ignorant Populace Anxious for War with America.

BELIEVING THE ODDS ALL WITH THEM.

But the Leaders are Better Informed and Do Not Wish to Precipitate a Conflict With No Chance of Success.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Among the passengers on board the American liner steamship New York which arrived Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chatfield-Chatfield Taylor, of Chicago. Mr. Taylor was the consul of Spain at Chicago during the World's fair and he and his wife have been abroad on September 1 and had spent some time in Madrid, but had left before the breaking out of Barcelona riot. Mr. Taylor was not surprised at the troubles, as the feeling against Americans was intense in Spain.

"Spain is proud and sensitive," said Mr. Taylor, "and I have no doubt but she is not averse to war with the United States. There appears, as far as I was able to see, only one opinion in Spain concerning the Cuban troubles, and that is that the rebellion must be overcome if it takes every drop of Spanish blood and every pest of Spanish treasure. Spain is confident that she can quell the revolution if this country does not step in. She has improved wonderfully since the last Cuban war, and is consequently better equipped to deal with the insurgents than before."

While in Madrid, I talked with political leaders, such as Senor Morera, formerly minister of foreign affairs; Sagasta, leader of the liberals, and Silvestra, a conservative leader. From these talks I am led to believe that the Spanish leaders understand the institutions and people of the United States far better than our own political leaders do those of our own people. Outside of the better class there is a great amount of ignorance regarding the size and resources of this country. The men I have mentioned and their colleagues, realize the effects of war with the United States, and realize the great odds against which their country would have to fight. Consequently they do not wish to precipitate a war, and feel that before they can have any chance of being successful."

"But," continued Mr. Taylor, "the rank and file have been inflamed by the absurd statements of the press regarding America, and believe that the advantage would all be on the side of Spain in case of war with the United States. It is urged that Spain has no great amount of commerce, and the Spanish privateers could prey upon American commerce and drive the flag from the seas. The Spanish papers are full of such absurd statements, and the people believe them. They believe the Americans are a nation of merchants, and that commercial interests entirely control the foreign policy. They believe that America is run by Wall Street. The American papers refuse to recognize a state of war in Cuba, and profess to believe that the Cuban insurgents are mere bandits."

GIVEN UP TO THE FLAMES.

Burning of the Tug Peter Dalton of the Independent Towing Co.

CHICAGO, April 13.—The tug Peter Dalton of the Independent Towing Co. burned early yesterday morning, two miles off Rogers' Park. The crew was rescued by the Welcome, of the same company, which happened to be passing the Dalton when the latter broke out. The fire originated about the furnace. Not a little anxiety was felt on account of the fact that the tug had a quantity of dynamite on board.

The only hose on board was a small coil three-quarters of an inch in size. This was inadequate, and the men did the best they could in trying to keep the flames down until they could get to a place of safety.

Capt. Tom Berry ordered the schooner Dewey out loose and preparations made for leaving the burning vessel. The Welcome drew up along side of the Dalton, and the latter crew was assisted to get together with the dynamite and the Dalton was given up to the flames.

AN IMPROMPTU DUEL.

Between Two Editors Results in the Death of the Companion of One of Them.

WELLINGTON, Kan., April 13.—Editor Charles Branscomb of the South Haven News was killed in a shooting scrape, yesterday, between A. A. Richards and Robert Simmons, editor of the Caldwell News. No arrests have been made. Simmons and Richards had been carrying on a bitter newspaper war. They met by chance, when both drew revolvers and began firing. At the fifth shot Branscomb, who was with Richards, fell, pierced by a bullet.

Her Real Mission.

Kir Wain, Fla., April 12.—It is reported in this city that the steamer George W. Childs, which left here a few days since to go to the assistance of the schooner Pearl, has really gone on a filibustering expedition. It is reported that she was seen near Cape Florida going out to sea with the revenue cutter in chase.

Death of an Eminent Jurist.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 12.—Judge W. H. Dewitt, one of Tennessee's most prominent jurists, died here yesterday, aged 93 years. Judge Dewitt served a term in the Confederate congress from this state and was chancellor of the fifth chancery district in 1872.

The base ball talent of Wagona will put a nice in the field this season.

CONGRESSIONAL FORECAST.

How the Week will Probably be Occupied by the Two Houses.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—As soon as the Indian bill is disposed of in the senate, Mr. Hale will call up the naval bill which was reported Wednesday last. Incidentally there will be a variety of questions called up during the morning hour. Today Mr. Chandler, according to notice, will speak on the Dupont election case, and will probably be followed by Mr. Gray, of Delaware. Mr. Squire has given notice that on to-morrow he will address the senate on the comprehensive bill for the erection of fortifications, reported by his committee some weeks ago. A spirited debate is expected on Wednesday, Mr. Peffer having secured unanimous consent to call up on that day his bond sale investigation resolution.

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Meanwhile the joint resolution of Mr. Cannon directing the secretary of the interior to open for public entry the Uncompahgre reservation, holds its place on the calendar as the unfinished business.

Under the rules of the house today is a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the consideration of matters presented by the committee on affairs of the District of Columbia, but that it will be so devoted is uncertain. Two other matters are pressing for consideration—the fortifications appropriation bill and the contested-election case of Goodwin vs. Cobb, from the fifth district of Alabama, in which the committee on elections No. 1 recommended the seating of the contestant, Goodwin.

Judge Daniels, chairman of the committee, gave notice ten days ago that he should ask the house to dispose of the case to-day, but it is understood that he will not antagonize Chairman Hubcock, of the district committee, when the latter moves to take up District business.

But Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, may not be so leniently disposed, and the house may have to determine the order of business for itself. The probabilities seem now to favor the fortifications bill as the first item, and at the conclusion of its consideration the rest of the day is to be given to the District committee.

Mr. Cannon was of the opinion Saturday that he could get the bill out of the way in an hour and a half. He may find it different at the beginning of the week. However they are arranged, these two matters will hold the boards against all other business until disposed of unless a conference report on appropriation bills shall be presented. The preliminary report upon the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, has been agreed upon and will be presented to-day or to-morrow. It relates only to those items about which there was practically no disagreement among the conferees, and a further conference will be ordered on the matters of more serious differences.

SPANISH ELECTIONS.

Result of Yesterday's Vote for Members of the Cortes—Serious Disturbances.

MADRID, April 13.—Elections for members of the cortes were held yesterday and were very animated. Up to 10:30 last night, results, except in a few isolated cases, were unknown. It is believed that in Madrid five conservatives and two liberals were returned.

It is reported that the ministry's electoral law has been guilty of ballot fraud. Blasas, the leader of the Spanish socialists has been victorious in Bilbao, defeating a wealthy ship builder named Rivas, who it is reported paid ten dollars a vote. It is rumored that there were disturbances in Igualada, province of Barcelona, and that incendiaries have applied the torch to a factory belonging to the liberal candidate.

TAKEN FROM JAIL.

By a Mob of Masked Men and Hanged for His Crime.

SEAL, Ala., April 13.—Between midnight and daylight yesterday morning a mob of masked men took Reddick Adams, colored, out of jail and hanged him. The mob aroused the jailer with the story that they had a prisoner to put in jail, and on his appearing he was surrounded and his keys taken. Adams was carried to a clump of trees about 200 yards away and hanged. His body was cut down this morning. Adams was laid and shot R. T. Renfro last November and, after shooting him, robbed his person, burglarized his store and set fire to his dwelling. Adams had been on trial last week and, after deliberating from Wednesday until Saturday, the jury could not agree and a mistrial was announced.

FIVE MEN DROWNED.

By the Sinking of a German Torpedo Boat as the Result of a Collision.

WILHELMSHAFEN, April 12.—Two torpedo boats collided off this port yesterday. One of the boats sank almost immediately, and five of the crew were drowned. The other boat was badly damaged. The boats were making trial trips at the time the collision occurred.

Wants Assistance Against the Matabels.

BULUWAGO, April 12.—Capt. Brand, in command of the Indian which at point 30 miles distant from here, has sent a request for help, he being pressed by the Matabels. Capt. MacFarlane and 250 men will go to the assistance of the column.

Two young ladies residing near Wagona were held up and robbed by four highwaymen recently.

GEORGE TAYLOR FREED.

He and His Brother Bill and L. Cunningham.

BREAK THE JAIL AT CARROLLTON, ILL.

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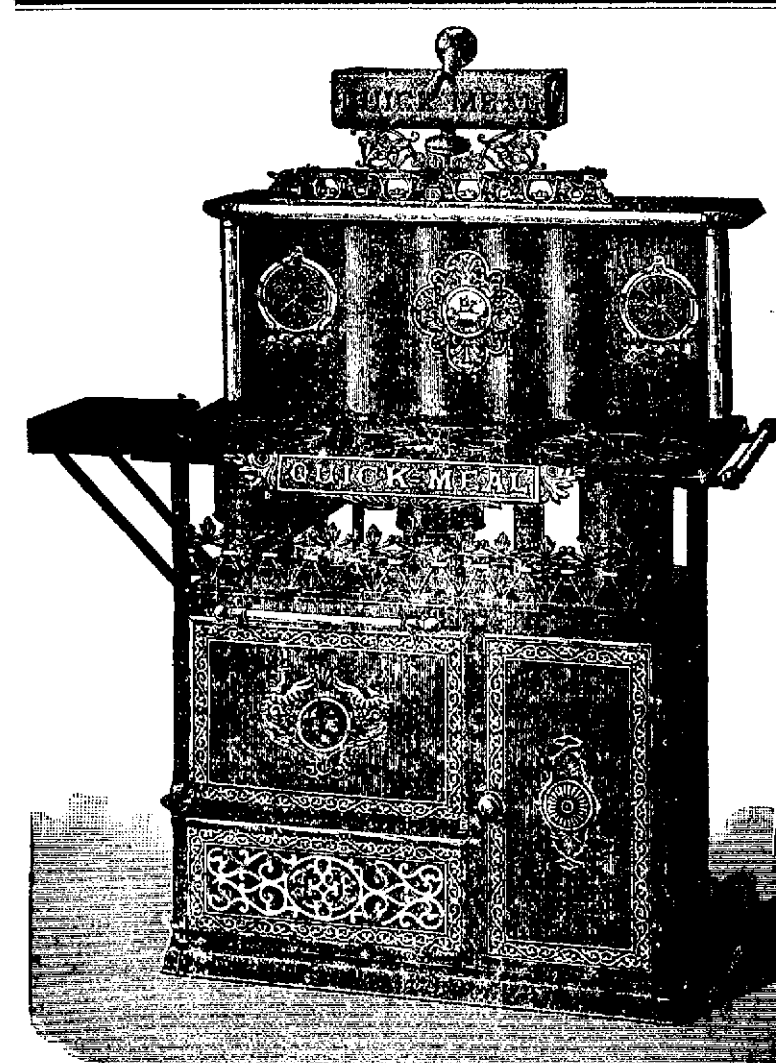
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Spring Styles in Haberdashery.
John B. Stetson's Hats. E. & W. Collars and Cuffs.
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The largest and most elegant line of Persian Silk Neck-
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100 dozen Percale Shirts in all styles, viz: Collars attached
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Dr. H. P. Bachman, dentist rooms 7,
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Try the Little Rose and Bouquet cigars.
Then you will have a fine smoke.

Steeth is the only photographer in the
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The Grand Opera House cigars made
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mch 25 dtd

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What shall we have for supper? Why a
dime box of that smoked Halibut at Pearl
Oyster & Fish Co. 7 dtd

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Lowrey's first-class chocolates and
World's Premium box candles are handled
exclusively by Whitley.

Finest assortment of carriages, surreys
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If you want a good luncheon try those
good delicious pickled Herring by the
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Co. 7 dtd

Garden and flower seeds of all kinds,
sweet peas and nasturtium in bulk. Geo.
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mch 12 dtd

The Buyers and Merchants' Benefit
Bureau saves you 4 per cent on your en-
tire living expenses. Call upon the man-
ager, L. Chodot, and learn how.

The boss pianos are the Haines up-
rights and Reed & Son's, which are on
sale at the C. B. Prescott music house.
Low prices and easy terms to all who call.

When you buy a piano you want the
best for the money. When the piano
needs tuning secure the best workman.
Leave orders at Prescott's. John Fears,
tuner. April 8 dtd

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WOMAN'S CLUB RECEPTION.

The Teachers and Members of the Board
of Education are Handsome-
ly Entertained.

The members of the Woman's club en-
tertained the teachers of the city schools
and the members of the board of educa-
tion Saturday afternoon at the club
house. There was a large attendance of
ladies and gentlemen. The ladies who re-
ceived in behalf of the club were Mrs.
George R. Bacon, Mrs. R. G. Wells, Mrs.
T. L. Evans, and Mrs. Mary Haworth.
During the afternoon refreshments were
served. The members of the club expect
to give a reception to the teachers every
year that they may become better ac-
quainted.

At the next monthly meeting of the
club, which will be held on May 5, Mrs.
Bourland, the president of the Peoria
Woman's club, will be present and deliver
an address. At this meeting the mem-
bers will cast the ballots from which the
tickets will be taken for the annual elec-
tion. The club will close for the summer
on June 5.

Program for This Week.
The following is the program for the
meetings at the club this week: Monday
the Sorosis division will meet at 2:30
o'clock and have a lesson on the "Ori-
gin of the World." Selections will be
read from the magazine, "Self Culture."
Tuesday afternoon the Chautauque class
will hold a meeting and in the evening at
7:30 o'clock the Psalms division will
take a lesson on general subjects.

The Shakespeare class will meet Wednes-
day afternoon and will have a lesson on
the English language. April 11 is the
ninth anniversary of the class. The
event will be celebrated later.

Thursday afternoon the art and litera-
ture division will meet and study Amer-
ica's young landscape painters. The last
hour will be devoted to the study of
Faust under the leadership of Miss Cool-
idge.

Through Decatur to New York.

The Metropolitan Opera company left
St. Louis Sunday at 1:30 a. m. via the
Wabash by special train, which was made
up of two baggage cars and ten sleepers
to run through solid from St. Louis to
New York without change. This is one
of the largest parties ever carried by a
special train for so long a distance, and is
composed of about 300 or more people.
J. Halderman, of the Wabash staff, ac-
companied the party through to New
York. The schedule for the train landed
the party in New York at 1:30 this after-
noon. The train passed through Decatur
shortly after five o'clock Sunday morn-
ing.

Willie Collier and Theresa Vaughn.
The specialties alone of Willie Collier,
John Wilson, Alexander Clark, Theresa
Vaughn, Louise Allen, Yelande Wallace,
are enough in themselves to make out a
full evening's entertainment but when all
these are bunched in with seventy pretty
girls, a wealth of beautiful scenery, mar-
velous mechanical effects, gorgeous cos-
tumes and a lot of bright catchy music,
there is nothing left to be wished for.
All this is embodied with the words--
Rice's "Little Christopher." This man-
moth burlesque company comes to the
Grand next Tuesday evening April 14.

You can get Oysters during the entire
month of April at Pearl Oyster & Fish
Co. 7 dtd

WILL USE TWADELL.

**The Sangamon Cullom Club Asks
Macon's Delegates to Vi-
late Their Instructions.**

BEING HEAD OF THE DELEGATION

**The Anti McKinley People Expect to
Use Twaddell As They Did in
the Congressional
Convention.**

Gen. Twaddell has managed to put him-
self at the head of the Macon county dele-
gation to the state convention and will
appear there at the appointed time in full
regimentals for business. It is well known
that he conspired with certain leaders in
the Sangamon County Cullom club and
certain men from Christian county to de-
fect instructions for McKinley in the con-
gressional convention; and it is also well
known that their plans would have suc-
ceeded and the masses would have been
deflected had not Logan county beaten the
plot. Not one of these conspirators had any
regard for the wishes of the Republicans
who had instructed a majority of the dele-
gates to the congressional convention to
vote for McKinley. They have no regard
for their wishes now as the following cir-
cular which was received last week by
each of the Macon county delegates to
the state convention will show:

Sangamon County Cullom Club,
Springfield, Ill., April 6, 1896.
Dear Sir:--We write to you as a repub-
lican, loyal to Illinois, to inquire as to the
probable action of the delegation from
your county, as to the instructions by the
state convention for any presidential candi-
date.

We have no doubt that you will agree
with us that our delegates should go to the
St. Louis convention, prepared to meet
and decide every question from an Illinois
standpoint. They should be in such po-
sition that they can be free to act wisely,
and in the interest of the whole Republi-
can party of Illinois.

The future of our state in national po-
itics is full of promise, provided it holds
itself in readiness to take whatever of any
advantage that may be offered. It is uni-
versally believed that should the national
convention fail to nominate on an early
ballot, then the power of Illinois may
make itself felt in 1896 as it did in
1860, in 1864, 1868 and in 1872.

We do not ask instructions for Senator
Cullom nor has the senator or his friends
at any time, from the beginning of this
campaign, thought it wise to instruct the
delegates from Illinois to the national
convention.

We urge you now to interest yourself in
this matter, to the end that all resolutions
and motions offered in the state conven-
tion instructing the delegates from Illi-
nois on the presidential question be voted
down.

Please answer at once, giving your
views, together with such information as
you may have, or can secure, as to the
standing of the delegates from your coun-
ty on this question.

Kindly send your reply to "The Cullom
Club," Springfield, Ill. Respectfully,
C. Ridgely, President Cullom Club.
D. T. Little, Chairman Sangamon Dele-
gation.

This club knows that every precinct in
Macon county instructed for McKinley.
It knows that every delegate to the state
convention from Macon county is in-
structed for McKinley and yet in the fifth
paragraph it asks these delegates to ig-
nore the expressed wishes of the Republi-
cans and their own obligations and vote

against the very thing the Republicans
of the county told them to vote for. This
for boldness is unequalled except by the
conduct of Twaddell at the congressional
convention in trying to defeat the will of
the people after posing for weeks before
them as an ardent McKinley man. But
as he is at the head of the state delega-
tion those people who with him arranged to
defect instructions at the district conven-
tion expect his aid at the state convention
to prevent instructions for McKinley.
They expect him to throw the vote of
the delegation in such a way as to pre-
vent ever reaching a square vote on in-
structions and this circular is evidently
calculated to prepare the delegates to be
used against McKinley in all preliminary
proceeding intended to open the way for
a fair vote for or against instructions,
and it is a warning to the Republicans of
Macon county who are almost to a man
for McKinley that it is high time they
asserted themselves and warn the dele-
gates who go to the state convention to
look out for these schemes.

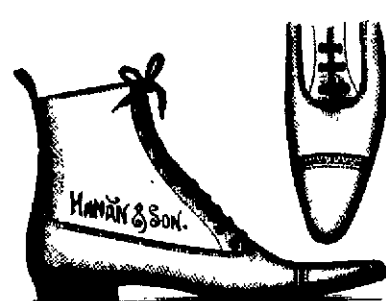
An examination of this circular shows
its fallacies.

COLUMBIA and HARTFORD BICYCLES,

Manufactured by the Pope Manufacturing Co., the highest grade goods in the world, range in price, \$50, \$60, \$80, and \$100. We have a full and complete line of their 1896 Models. Please come in and inspect them. We are selling a great many of these wheels now, and feel very confident that we can interest you if you will look them over.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro., Jewelers,

156 East Main St.—113 North Water St.



Hanan & Sons' Men's Fine Shoes.

This is the GOTHAM LAST which is the very latest New York style. We have them in BLACKS and TANS, not only in this style last but have all other new and up-to-date styles.

These Are the Shoes You Should Wear.

They are HAND-MADE, FINEST WORKMANSHIP, nothing better manufactured anywhere or for any money. They are the best shoes for you or for any gentleman who wants the best, most stylish and most durable shoes. Let us show you these styles. We know we can sell you.

Made to Sell at \$5, now \$3.90.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,

B. F. BOBO, Mn'gr.

148 East Main St.

Special Sales This Week.

DRESS GOODS.

SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK.
Black Dress Goods at 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c and 65c.
Novelty Black Goods at 25c, 35c, 50c, 55c and 75c.
Novelty Suitings go at 25c, 35c, 50c and 65c.

WASH GOODS.

Ginghams at 9 1/2c.
One lot Fine French Ginghams, worth 15c, at 8 1/2c yard.
New French Dimity on sale at 12 1/2c yd.
New French Percale, in stripes and figures, at 12 1/2c yard.

CAPESES.

SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK.
Velvet Capes at \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50.
Silk Capes at \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$9.00.

Cloth Capes at \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50.

Child's Jackets at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$5.00.
Ready-made Dress Skirts at \$2.95, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

TABLE LINENS.

One lot fine Cream Damask on sale at 39c, worth 50c to 60c.
One lot fine Cream Damask on sale at 45c, worth 75c.

LACE CURTAINS.

SPECIAL PRICES.
Curtains at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 per pair up to \$5.00.

LOT OF CARPETS to be closed out at 25c, 35c, 50c and 65c yard.

Chas. T. Johnston

DECATUR, ILL.
NORTH WATER STREET.

Daily Republican

Mixed Paint,

also Varnish, in small cans, as well as in large ones. Paint Brushes, all sizes. Everything in the paint line at

KING & METZ'
...Drug Store...

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1896.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA—Regular meeting of Olive Branch No. 218 R. N. of A. this (Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, at their hall, corner of Main and William streets. All members are urged to be present. Visiting neighbors invited to meet with us. ALICE F. FOLGER, Grand; MARY E. HENDRICKS, Rec. Sec.

RED MEN—Regular meeting of Clippewa Tribe No. 25, I. O. R. M., this (Monday) night at 7:30. Business of importance. C. W. CASTLE, C. M.

W. R. C.—Regular meeting of Dunham W. R. C. No. 4 at 8 A. R. hall to-morrow at 2 P. M. EPIE R. KENNEDY, Pres. MARY SANDER, Sec.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
You pay a little more for Suits & portraits but—

Rubber stamps—J. M. Myers, old phone 28.
Johnny Weigand still makes the Leda 10 cent cigar. mch25-dtf

Go to Henry Bros. bakery for all kinds of cakes, pies, etc. dec 26-dtf

Whitely handles none of the inferior grade chocolates.
Chicago and return via Wabash Ry \$2.00 April 15th.—9c

Wanted—Office girl Call at rooms 3 and 4 Pacific block.

Be kind to the chickens and give them Irwin's poultry powder.

To quiet the nerves drink celery phosphate at Irwin's fountain.

Dr. L. E. Connard, Dentist rooms 42 and 43 Fenton block. aug24-dtf

Try the new drink French Wine Cocoa, 5c glass at Irwin's fountain.

The first Chicago excursion is via Wabash R. R., April 15th.—9c

Prescriptions carefully compounded day or night at Opera House drug store.

Irwin's Sarsaparilla is guaranteed to give satisfaction as a blood purifier.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

The iron moulders will give a ball at the old Guards Armory on the evening of April 16.

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Have you ever tried the Cornishman or Tiny Tim? Why not do so? Pearl Oyster & Fish Co. 7-dtf

Mama cats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

Rev. A. Walker will preach tonight at the Union Gospel mission, 900 East Eldorado street, near the depot.

Go to Spencer & Lehman company for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps and pump repairs. feb16-dtf

The auction sale of the O. M. Anstead stock of dry goods, notions, etc., is now in progress at 249 North Main street. April 6—1w

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

Notice—Water takers are reminded that they have only until April 15, to pay up without having the 10 per cent charge added.

The members of the Rathbone Sisters will give an entertainment and dance this evening in the hall in the opera house block.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

A Sermon by Rev. D. F. Howe and Doings in the Different Churches of the City.

Sunday was a pleasant day and the services at all of the churches were well attended. There was a large congregation at the First Methodist church in the evening when the pastor, Rev. Howe, preached a sermon on Arbor Day. Among other points the speaker compared the character of man to a tree. He said that a tree did not derive its strength entirely from the soil but from the atmosphere and the sunshine. So it was with a character. The elements were not gathered from worldly things but from things above. The strongest wood came from trees which grew in wild and stormy countries and the strongest characters were those which were in the midst of temptation and did not yield. Mr. Howe said that he was in favor of temperance and the removal of saloons, but that a man could live in a town where there were thousands of saloons and not be a drunkard. The true Christian principal was not so much to have the temptation removed but to make character so strong that a man can walk with the devil and not fall. The true character should be rooted upon a rock and stand among all sins. The young man living in a prohibition state did not deserve half the credit for not drinking as did the young man living in this city where there were temptations. The tree brings forth fruits which we enjoy, and so man should seek out the powers of God and bring the fruits of his faithfulness to the world.

Christian Church.
The services at the Christian Tabernacle Sunday were conducted by Rev. J. V. Uptake, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. George F. Hall, who preached at Mr. Uptake's church at Valparaiso, Indiana.

In the morning Rev. Uptake preached on "Victory," to a large congregation and in the afternoon he gave a lecture to men, the subject of which was "The Green Young Man." In the evening when he spoke on "The Red, White and Blue," the big hall was crowded. The revival meetings which Rev. Uptake has been conducting at this church have been well attended and great interest has been shown. The meetings will continue this week.

Other Church News.
At St. John's Episcopal church Sunday morning the Easter music rendered by the choir last Sunday was repeated. There was a solo by George Dunston and excellent selections by the choir. Next Sunday Fred Church, the organist, will give a recital after the evening service. He will be assisted by several vocalists.

The regular monthly business meeting of the ladies aid society of the First Presbyterian church will be held at the church parlors at 8 o'clock next Friday afternoon.

At Grace Methodist church Sunday evening the pastor, Rev. R. G. Hobbs, gave an interesting address on "Why do Methodists Have a Creed and Book of Discipline."

Rev. Clatworthy, of Canton, occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church Sunday.

The members of the Sunday school society of St. John's church will hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the pastor's study in the church. At 4 o'clock at the same place there will be a meeting of St. John's chapter. The missionary society will meet at 4 o'clock Wednesday at the study.

At the Cumberland Presbyterian church Sunday morning the Rev. N. M. Baker of Lincoln occupied the pulpit and gave a masterly sermon on "Progress the Law of Our Being." Many old veterans were present to hear the former chaplain of the 116th Regiment. The sermon was an intellectual treat to all present. At the evening hour the pastor delivered a strong sermon on "God's Indignation Against Man."

An Alleged Swindler.
Some weeks ago a party named W. D. Miller struck the town of Warrensburg and camped there, stopping at the best house in the town. He had not been there long until he expressed a burning desire to purchase the store of White & Co., the biggest place in the town. He not only wanted the store but also the building and the lot. A price was agreed upon, and Mr. Miller proceeded to make an invoice, assisted by two men whom he employed. Just before the invoice was completed Miller left for Decatur, saying that he was coming here to meet his mother and sister. That was the last that the confiding people heard of Miller until they learned that he was at the town of Kenney in De Witt county, working the same game for free grub that he operated so successfully at Warrensburg. Saturday a warrant was issued for Miller's arrest for beating his board bill, and he was arrested. The officer took him to Warrensburg to stand trial. He got free on that charge, because he claimed to be a regular boarder not a transient. Subsequently he was arrested for flourishing deadly weapons. He is now a prisoner in Decatur.

Stole Two Bicycles.
Saturday evening two young men, who live south of the city, came to the bicycle establishment of Dodd & Co. and hired two wheels to use on Sunday. They were to return the wheels early Monday morning but when the time came the young men and the wheels did not show up. The matter was investigated and it was found that the men left word at their homes that they were going to St. Louis. The members of the firm at once realized that the wheels had been stolen and postal cards have been sent out offering \$10 reward for the arrest of the thieves. One wheel was an Imperial, No. 5095, and the other was an Excelsior make and was painted black with gold stripes. The rain has made the country roads muddy and it is not probable that the men will be able to get away very far.

Has Opened an Office.
Dr. Fred A. Stoner, who recently graduated from the Nashville Medical college, expects to practice his profession in this city. He has opened offices on the second floor over Stoner's drug store.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS.

N. A. Cruzan & Co.'s Agricultural Implement Warehouse Gone Up in Smoke.

MOORE'S COOPER SHOP DESTROYED.

Loss Over \$60,000—Splendid Work by the Firemen in Protecting Adjacent Property.

About 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning a fire was discovered in the large frame building at 511 Wabash avenue, occupied by N. A. Cruzan & Co., dealers in farm implements and carriages, and before the flames were checked the Cruzan building and Daniel Moore's cooper shop were burned to the ground and an amount of lumber house and quite an amount of lumber were destroyed. The total damage as near as can be estimated will probably reach \$60,000.

It was a terrible day for a fire on account of the high winds, and for a time all the buildings in the block were threatened with destruction. The fire had gained such headway before the fire department was called that the firemen were unable to save the burning buildings. They had a hard fight keeping the fire from spreading any farther.

Both of the larger buildings were filled with goods, but actually nothing was saved as the fire spread with such rapidity that it was impossible to get anything out.

How the Fire Started.
Cruzan & Co. occupied a large three-story frame building fronting on Wabash avenue. Adjoining this was a two-story building which extended to the Wabash railroad. The fire started in the south-west corner of the building near the track. It was said that some waste had been thrown from a hot box on a car shortly before the fire and it is supposed that it was blown under the building and set fire to the floor. When the fire was discovered an alarm was at once sent in and the whole department responded. But by the time the firemen arrived the building was burning inside and in a few minutes the flames broke out. The wind blew from the south and west and carried the blaze to Daniel Moore's cooper shop which was just east of the burning building. The cooper shop was full of material for making barrels and it burned like kindling wood.

The two-story residence owned by H. E. Foster, and occupied by James Sullivan, which was situated west of the Cruzan building, took fire and was almost totally destroyed. Mr. Sullivan took some of his household goods out but most of his furniture was burned or ruined by water.

It Looked Dangerous.
For a time it looked like the whole block would burn. The wind blew terrifically and carried with it pieces of burning wood which settled on the other buildings. The occupants of the dwelling houses on the north side of the street moved out their furniture and everyone who could secure a garden hose kept a stream of water on their house. Even then some of the houses were scorched. The firemen worked hard and succeeded in confining the fire to the buildings mentioned.

It was a very bad neighborhood for a fire. Just south of the Cruzan building on the other side of the tracks is the Lyon & Armstrong planing mill and lumber yard and the oil tanks of the Standard Oil company. On the east is the Colby Bros. lumber yard. Several piles of lumber took fire but the flames were checked before they had gone any farther. The heat from the fire was so intense that the oil tanks were scorched. Fortunately the wind was blowing away from the tanks or the fire might have been much worse than it was.

The firemen had five or six streams of water playing on the fire and the buildings nearby and in this way kept the flames from spreading. The Cruzan building and the cooper shop both burned till there was nothing more to burn and there is now nothing left but a mass of iron which was part of the farm implements.

Set Fire to a House.
The wind carried the sparks a long distance. The residence of Isaac C. Houck, at 1060 North Morgan street, caught fire from some of the particles of burning wood which were blown in that direction and the roof of the house was burned. One of the chemicals was taken to Mr. Houck's house and the blaze was easily extinguished. The damage was not more than \$25.

Had a Hard Fight.
Chief Devore in speaking of the fire said that it was the hardest fight that the firemen had had in some time. They realized when they arrived that nothing could be done to save the buildings which were in flames and they made a desperate effort to keep the fire from spreading. They did splendid work in checking the flames and it seems remarkable that the whole block was not swept away when it is considered what a start the fire had and how hard the wind blew. The men worked until almost 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The buildings burned very quickly and it was not long after the fire was discovered that the walls and roofs had fallen in and the place was a seething furnace sending up sparks that threatened everything in the neighborhood.

Burned the Poles Down.
Two of the telegraph poles on the railroad at the back of the building were so badly burned that it was necessary to put up new ones and many of the telegraph and telephone wires were down. There was a force of men working all the afternoon repairing the wire and poles which had been damaged.

Loss and Insurance.
Mr. Cruzan besides conducting a carriage business acted as agent for several farm implement companies. His store house was full of machinery and he had

unloaded three car loads during the past week. On account of the books being burned Mr. Cruzan could not tell exactly how much stock had been burned. Nothing was saved except the typewriter and the books that were in the safe but many other valuable books and orders were destroyed. The three-story building, 150x336 feet on Wabash avenue was owned by Cruzan & Co. and was valued at \$2,800. It was covered with insurance to the amount of \$1,800. The biggest losers were Parlin & Orendorf, manufacturers of farm machinery of Canton, Ill. They owned the building on the railroad and valued it at about \$1,000. Stored in it was a large stock of farm implements which was probably a loss of \$25,000. The McCormick Harvesting Co. lost binders and mowers valued at \$8,000, and the Milwaukee Harvesting Co. three or four car loads of implements which will probably amount to \$4,000. Mr. Cruzan handled goods for D. M. Osborne & Co. and this firm lost about \$7,000. The Milwaukee Harvesting Co. had an insurance of \$1,500 on their stock and the other out of town firms are protected by blanket insurance. Cruzan & Co. valued their stock of buggies and material for making shoelace boards at \$5,000, and their tools and machinery at about \$2,000. They had an insurance of \$1,500 on the stock.

Lost Everything.
Daniel Moore was one of the most unfortunate losers as he saved nothing and carried no insurance. His cooper shop was a building 30x24 feet and behind it was a store house 70x40 feet. He places his loss on the buildings at \$1,000, on his stock, which was material for making several thousand barrels at \$1,200, and the loss on his tools at \$300. This makes his total loss \$2,500. He had no insurance whatever.

Will Rebuild.
Mr. Cruzan says that he expects to rebuild as soon as possible. If other companies for whom he acts as agent want to ship goods here at once he will make a temporary building, but at any rate he will start work on a new building in the same place as soon as the insurance is settled.

Mr. Moore says that he is as yet undecided about rebuilding but thinks that it is most probable that he will do so.

Whatever buildings are erected will be of brick as that portion of the city where the fire took place is inside the fire limit and the law will not allow a frame structure to be built on that site.

Another Fire.
About the same time the alarm was turned in for the fire on Wabash avenue there was a little blaze at the residence of J. E. King, on North Main street near the railroad. The roof of the house caught fire from the sparks of a passing locomotive but the fire was discovered and extinguished before any great damage was done.

A PHONOGRAPH CONCERT.
Novel Entertainment at the C. P. Church in the W. C. T. U. Hall—Plan to Go.

There will be a highly entertaining concert tomorrow evening at the Cumberland Presbyterian church in the W. C. T. U. hall in Library block which everybody interested in the development of science should attend. It will be a phonograph concert in which Edison's latest invention will be used. Do not doubt that this wonderful instrument with the ordinary phonograph that is seen on the streets, in hotels, and at fairs. This instrument is especially designed for grand concert work and reproduces so loud that it can be heard in every part of the hall. It is the only instrument which catches, holds and reproduces the human voice in its natural tones, carrying with it the identity of the individual. The members of the Christian Endeavor society of the church will have charge of the concert, and they invite everybody to come and enjoy the music and the recitations which will be given by the phonograph. It will more than please you. Twenty or more selections will be given, embracing pieces by three of the famous bands of the country, as well as selections by people of note. Admission 25 cents for adults; 15 cents for children under 15 years.

No Prize Fight.
Saturday night Deputies Holmes and Stables with Officers Williamson, Dempsey and Leach made a flying trip to Marion and Emery in a vehicle for the purpose of stopping a prize fight reported to be pulled off in the northern part of the county. The participants were to be Levi Crookmur and a party named Davis whom it was said a Clinton man was backing for all he was worth. The officers failed to locate the sports and their friends. They learned that they had gone to some point in DeWitt county, and then they gave up the chase. All got back at a late hour.

A few of the Decatur sports drove up to the point three miles this side of Clinton where the fight was to have taken place but when they got there the Clinton people had not shown up. They drove on to Clinton and it is said that the Clinton men then refused to go in the ring.

A Fast Mile.
L. E. Rogers, the well known cyclist, pulled off a mile yesterday in 1:48 on the gravel road north of the city. The time was caught by two well known cyclists and there were many witnesses to the fact. Mr. Rogers rides the Czar wheel and is a very promising rider. He will undoubtedly be seen later in the season in some of the fast race meets the Wheelmen Club intend to give this summer.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE OTHER SIDE.

Decision in Favor of the Old Members of the Christian Church Official Board.

MATTERS LOOK BADLY MIXED.

Judge Vail Grants Temporary Injunction for McNabb, Pritchett, Howard and Patterson—All Will Have a Right to Act.

Saturday and Sunday Rev. George F. Hall and his adherents were in great grief over the decision of Judge Vail in his refusal to grant a temporary injunction against Hall and Evangelist Uphoff, restraining them from occupying the church property. The decision was taken as a big victory for Pastor Hall in the contention which had been going on in the church for some time. But the court did not pass on that part of the petition which demanded that the newly elected members of the official board should be restrained from acting for the church. He left that feature of the case until the opening of the court this morning.

Judge Vail referred to the matter in a few brief words. He said he had come to the conclusion that the proper of the petition as to the members of the official board of the church should be granted and that Ebenezer McNabb, Thomas A. Pritchett, Frank Howard and John L. Patterson, who had been excluded from acting should have the right to continue as acting members of the board and as the suggestion of Attorney Johns for the petitioners, the court said he would sign a mandatory order restraining the people named to their official positions. They will be permitted to take part in the deliberations of the board exercising all the powers they had before they were removed.

Attorney Lefforge for the petitioners said that he regards the finding as strong against the Hall adherents, as now the power of the board is recognized, and that Hall while he is permitted to preach at the Tabernacle will have no voice in the conduct of the affairs of the church and cannot look for any pay to the board which has charge of the financial affairs of the society. The inference is that the board will not pay Hall a dollar.

Attorney Buckingham for the Hall side didn't think the decision was of such a nature as to worry anybody. Hall would remain as pastor. That was what they were after. He held that the members of the board would continue to act, and that while the old members by the decision of the court would gain office again it would not make any difference as he understood that Hall would have one majority on the board.

The whole matter looks considerably mixed at this writing. Perhaps a compromise will be reached in some manner and peace restored. If not the trial on the petition will have to come up at the June term of court when each side will have opportunity to go over the entire matter in the presence of the court and a jury.

The Injunction Order.
This is the injunction order drawn up by Attorney Johns immediately after the decision was rendered:

Application being made to me this 12th day of April, A. D. 1896, for an injunction in this cause, the court, having considered the matter, it is ordered that the clerk of this court issue a writ of injunction enjoining the defendants P. W. Humphrey, W. W. Day, C. W. Lewman, J. E. Wheeler, H. Brubaker, W. L. Pierce and J. P. Richardson, members of the official board of the Church of Christ of Decatur, from interfering with or refusing the right of the complainants Ebenezer McNabb, Thomas A. Pritchett, Frank P. Howard and John E. Patterson, and each of them, to participate in the deliberations and official action of the official board of the Christian church or Church of Christ of Decatur, Illinois; and commanding said P. W. Humphrey, W. W. Day, C. W. Lewman, J. E. Wheeler, H. Brubaker, W. L. Pierce and J. E. Richardson and each of them, to allow the complainants Ebenezer McNabb, Thomas A. Pritchett, Frank P. Howard and John E. Patterson and each of them to participate in the deliberations and business and official actions of said official board of said Christian church; and that this cause be docketed as of the June term, A. D. 1896 of this court, and writ of summons issue against all of the defendants named in the bill.

E. P. Vail, Judge

Decision in the Johns Land Case.
The court decided the Johns land case which was before him last week in favor of the petitioner. It was that certain portions of the Mrs. H. C. Johns 160 acre tract lying east of the city be sold to increase the income of the beneficiary of the will of the late William Martin. The land was left to Mrs. Johns during her lifetime, at her death to be sold, and the proceeds to go to her children; but the income is not sufficient for Mrs. Johns' support, hence the necessity for the modification of the will. None of the principal obtained by the sale of land will be disturbed. The valuation of the land was placed by competent judges at from \$800 to \$2,500 per acre, the east half of the tract being held to be the more valuable.

Divorce Granted.
In the case of Mrs. Martha Rothfus against Andrew Rothfus, the complaint presented evidence and was granted a decree of divorce.

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The Commission Meets To-Day
Hear Reports from Sub-Committees.

PORTY ANCIENT MAPS AND CHARTS

Presented. Also Documents from London, Madrid and the Vatican.
Which are Being Translated into English.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—The Venezuelan commission met to-day and listened to the reading of reports from members on the progress they are making with the particular matters intrusted to them. Venezuelans have submitted maps and charts and some translations of documents from a mass of original documents by that government during the several years from original documents and records in London, Madrid, H. H. and the Vatican. Much of the matter is still in the hands of translators. Word comes from London, that Great Britain is preparing a supplement to blue book containing translations of documents referred to in the first volume which is expected to reach Washington very soon.

WHAT J. OTIS HUMPHREY SAYS.
Stories About Cullum Withdrawal Are Without Foundation.

Springfield, Ill., April 14.—J. Humphrey